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Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 41

Subject: Approve an ordinance to amend Section 12-4-24 of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on residential streets within the area bounded by Enfield Road to the south, North Lamar Boulevard to the east, Mo-Pac to the west, and Windsor Road to the north.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$2,200 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for the installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup
Material**

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Ordinance

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In 2005, the Legislature amended the Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 to allow a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street;

and •the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel. The Old Enfield Neighborhood Association has requested that the City Council lower the speed limit along the residential streets in the area bounded by Enfield Road to the south, North Lamar Boulevard to the east, Mo-Pac to the west, and Windsor Road to the north. Some of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Cromwell Hill from Woodlawn Boulevard to Hartford Road, Hartford Road from Enfield Road to Windsor Road, Lorrain Street from Enfield Road to Windsor Road, Pease Road from Enfield Road to Windsor Road, Poquonock Road from Woodlawn Boulevard to Windsor Road, Rainbow Bend from Windsor Road to Parkway, East Windsor Road from Windsor Road to Parkway, and Woodlawn Boulevard from Enfield Road to Niles Road, because these streets are wider than 35 feet; West 15th Street from Enfield to Lamar, Kingsbury Street, Parkway from 24th Street (West) to Enfield Road, and Windsor Road from Enfield Road to 24th Street, due to parking restrictions. They are not included in the recommended Code changes.

Staff recommends that Section 12-4-24 be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour:

A Lane from Rainbow Bend to Windsor Road (East) Marshall Lane from Enfield Road to Windsor Road Murray Lane from Enfield Road to West Lynn Street Newfield Lane from Enfield Road to end of Newfield Lane Niles Road from MoPac to Windsor Road Northumberland Road from Pease Road to Hartford Road Polo Road from Hartford Road to Newfield Lane Wethersfield Road from Enfield Road to Niles Road Summit View from Woodlawn Boulevard to Hartford Road Woodlawn Boulevard from Watchhill Road to Windsor Road Watchhill Road from Newfield Lane to Pease Road West Lynn Street from Enfield Road to Niles Road.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-24 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY ENFIELD ROAD, LAMAR BOULEVARD, MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, AND WINDSOR ROAD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Section 12-4-24 (*Maximum Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour*) of the City Code is amended to read:

Newfield Lane from ~~[Niles Road to]~~ 300 feet south of 10th Street (West) to the end of Newfield Lane.

PART 2. Section 12-4-24 (*Maximum Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour*) of the City Code is amended to add the following streets:

A Lane from Rainbow Bend to Windsor Road (East).

Marshall Lane from Enfield Road to Windsor Road.

Murray Lane from Enfield Road to West Lynn Street.

~~Niles Road from MoPac Expressway to Windsor Road.~~

~~Northumberland Road from Pease Road to Hartford Road.~~

~~Polo Road from Hartford Road to Newfield Lane.~~

~~Wethersfield Road from Enfield Road to Niles Road.~~

~~Summit View from Woodlawn Boulevard to Hartford Road.~~

Woodlawn Boulevard from Watchhill Road to Windsor Road.

Watchhill Road from Newfield Lane to Pease Road.

West Lynn Street from Enfield Road to Niles Road.

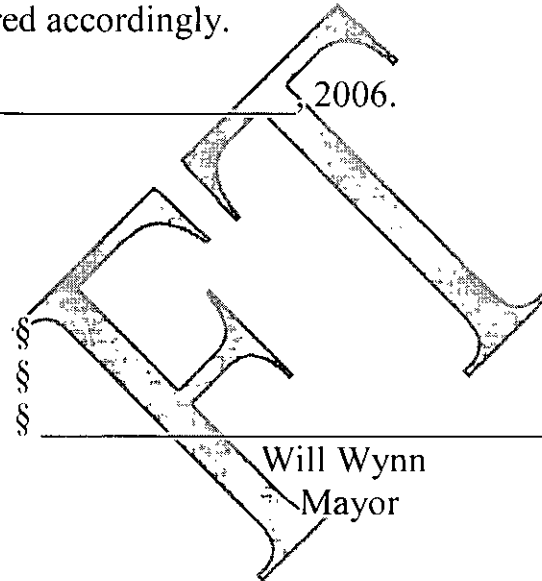
1 **PART 3.** The City Council finds that the prima facie speed limit previously applicable to
2 the streets, or portions of streets, identified in Part 1 of this ordinance is unreasonable or
3 unsafe, and the reduction in speed limit on these streets will reduce the potential for
4 vehicle-pedestrian accidents.

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6 **PART 4.** The amendments made in this ordinance shall be incorporated in alphabetical
7 order and the existing subsections renumbered accordingly.

8 **PART 5.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006.

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10 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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12 _____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

19 **APPROVED:**

20 David Allan Smith
21 City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

